

## NOTHING

Text: 2 Corinthians 12:11

INTRO: Many times you have probably tried to remember what the preacher preached last Sunday. Maybe you've said, "I remember that he preached a long time about something, but I can't remember what."

Today, I have chosen a subject most of you will remember. You may not remember exactly what I said about it, but you will remember my topic. Today, I'm going to preach about "Nothing."

### I. FROM NOTHING GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE.

Gen. 1:1

He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing. (Job 26:7).

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Heb 11:3).

### II. WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE WORLD & WE WILL TAKE NOTHING OUT. 1 Tim. 6:7.

Do not be afraid when one becomes rich... for when he dies he shall carry NOTHING away. (Psa 49:16-17).

READ ECCLESIASTES 5:10-17

NOTE: Would it matter if they carve on my tombstone: "He left \$10 Million"? The key word is left. He left it all.

### III. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY & CHARITABLE DONATIONS AMOUNT TO NOTHING WHEN LOVE IS NOT IN THEM.

READ I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3; James 1:26-27

### IV. WORLDLY WISDOM IN & OF ITSELF PROFITS NOTHING. READ I CORINTHIANS 1:18-21; 3:18-20

A. Jerry Clower to the women's libber: "Lady, it's plain to see you've done been educated way beyond your

intelligence."

B. It won't make much difference whether your tombstone reads "John Jones" or "John Jones, Phd."

V. OUTSIDE OF CHRIST, WE CAN DO NOTHING. JN 15:3-6.

VI. NOTHING PROFITABLE HAS BEEN OMITTED FROM GOD'S WORD.

I kept back NOTHING that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you & taught you publicly & from house to house.  
(Acts 20:20)

I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God  
(Acts 20:27). 2 Tim 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19

Cox Springs, TX, January 30, 1966  
Jonestown, TX, November 2, 1969  
Springhill, LA, January 14, 1973  
KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, September 4, 1973  
La Porte, TX, June 25, 1978  
Exton, PA, December 30, 1990  
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, March 9, 1997  
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, June 18, 2000